

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, line 2, below the title and above the header entitled “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION,”

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional application of the co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/735,728, entitled “Virtual Product Distribution System and Method,” filed on December 12, 2000. The entire contents and disclosures of the above application are hereby incorporated by reference.